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Hankow, special dispatch -- On or about 19 October 1952, the Central People's Government issued orders to the Tientsin-P'u-k'ou, Peiping-Hankow, and Lung-Hai railway bureaus to assemble their empty cars at Hankow, K'ai-feng, and Sian, and there await further orders. It is impossible at present to ascertain the purpose of these orders. It is known only that on these three lines, apart from passenger trains, the freight traffic has practically come to a standstill. Steam is being kept up to be ready to move these empties immediately on receipt of orders.

Meanwhile, a number of these empty cars are occupied by Communist troops. According to general conjecture, it is believed that the orders were issued in preparation for the movement of a large body of troops to the Northeast.

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